

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: January 9th, 3:30 P.M.

The Voter Registration Commission meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 3:35 P.M., in the SOS Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Carol Olson. Commissioner Susan Bonham, Commissioner Chad Olsen, Secretary of State Paul Pate, and Cerro Gordo County Auditor Ken Kline also were present via telephone. Commissioner Kevin Geiken, Director of Elections Dawn Williams, Linn County Auditor Joel Miller, Linn County Deputy Commissioner of Elections Rebecca Stonawski, SOS staff member Kevin Hall, Election Division staff member Dylan Lynch and Election Division staff member Mike Sievers also were present.

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Olson at 3:35 P.M.

2. Approval of 10-16-2017 minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Bonham, second by Commissioner Geiken to accept the minutes of the meeting on October 16th, 2017. All Ayes.

3. County Maintenance Fees

Chairperson Carol Olson stated that the State Registrar's Office does not recommend a raise in fees.

Motion by Chairperson Carol Olson, second by Commissioner Bonham to maintain the current County Maintenance Fees at .175 per registered voter.

Roll call vote: Olson, Aye; Bonham, Aye; Geiken, Aye; Olsen, Aye. Motion passed.

4. Auditor Joel Miller, Linn County – Petition for rulemaking

Rebecca Stonawski and Auditor Joel Miller presented their petition for rulemaking. Chairperson Olson mentioned only to discuss parts of the petition associate with IAC 821. Discussion regarding on-line VR, uniformity of county systems, practices in other states, mechanisms to obtain a "wet" signature.

Motion by Commissioner Carol Olson, second by Commissioner Chad Olsen that the VRC directs the staff of the State Registrar of Voters to analyze the potential use of electronic signatures for purposes of voter registration, specifically for in-county moves of registered voters. Additionally, the State Registrar's staff shall review appropriate safeguards that would ensure the security of potential electronic voter registration records. The Registrar's staff shall report its findings to the VRC at its meeting during the 4th quarter of 2018. Roll call vote: Olson, Aye; Bonham, Aye; Geiken, Aye; Olsen, Aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Geiken, second by Commissioner Bonham to table the petition. Roll call vote: Olson, Aye; Bonham, Aye; Geiken, Aye; Olsen, Aye. Motion passed.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:10 P.M.